

MOIST A  
COLLECTION

Of the several

PAPERS

Deliver'd by, *Viz.*

<i>The Earl of</i> DERWENT- WATER.	<i>The Revd. Mr. W. PAUL</i>
<i>The Lord Vt. KENMURE.</i>	JOHN HALL, <i>Esq;</i>
Col. OXBURGH.	Capt. JOHN BRUCE.
R. GASCOIGNE, <i>Esq;</i>	JOHN KNOX.

To which is added

A LETTER sent to the *Earl of Derwentwater*, a little before he suffer'd, by a Friend of his Lordship's own Persuasion, together with one of Mr. *Gascoigne's*, the Night before his Execution, to a Person of Eminence, of the same Religion with himself.

As likewise

An INTRODUCTION containing the Names of Those who suffer'd Death at *Preston, Wigan, Manchester, and Lancaster.*

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# INTRODUCTION.

**T**HE Following Collection containing the last Dying Sentiments and Declarations of those of the Preston Prisoners, who have suffer'd according to their Sentence, and left any PAPERs behind them, it may not be improper, to make it more Compleat, to prefix a short Recital of the Names of those, who, not being brought to Town, have reciev'd the Execution of their Sentence in the Country, but left nothing in Writing relating to the Occasion of their suffering (except Capt. Bruce, whose Last SPEECH is in the following Collection, and Roger Moncaster, whose Memory is impos'd upon with a Sham one; But, for the Satisfaction of the Publick, a Genuine Copy of it may in Time see the Light.

The first of these Gentlemen, who felt the sad Effects of that unhappy Enterprize, were Major Nairne, and Capt. Lockart, both of the late Regiment of the Lord Mark Ker, Capt. Shaftoe, of Col. Frank's Regiment, and Ensign Erskine, of Preston's Regiment, who were shot to Death, Dec. 2d 1715. at Preston, by a Sentence of Court Martial held there; The Lord Charles Murray, who was try'd and convicted for Desertion with them, was Repriev'd during Pleasure.

Of those other Prisoners, who, by a Commission of Oyer and Terminer, were found Guilty, and reciev'd Sentence of Death at Leverpoole and Preston, 27 have suffer'd accordingly, whose Names are as follow, viz.

Mr. Richard Shuttleworth of Preston, Mr. William Butler of Morscough, Roger Moncaster of Garstang, an Attorney, Thomas Cowpe near Preston, Yeoman, and William Ackwright of Preston, Labourer, who suffer'd Death on the 28th of January 1715-16. at Preston.

Richard Chorley, Esq; Mr. James Drummond, Wil. Black, Donald Mac-Donald, Rorie Kennedy, John Orde, and John Robotham, who suffer'd 9 Feb. at Preston.

James Blundell, James Burne, James Finch, Wil. Whalley, and John Mac-Gillivray, who suffer'd at Wigan, on the 10th of February.

Tho. Syddal, Will. Harris, Stephen Seagre, Joseph Porter, and John Finch, suffer'd at Manchester, 11 Feb.

Capt. John Bruce, Mr. Tho. Winkley, Mr. Tho. Shuttleworth, Mr. G. Hodgson, and Mr. Will. Charnley, who suffer'd Death at Lancaster, Oct. 2d 1716.

The SPEECH of the Earl of DERWENTWATER,  
who was Beheaded on *Tower-Hill*, *February 14th.*  
1715-16.

**B**EING in a few Minutes to appear before the Tribunal of God, where, tho' most unworthy, I hope to find Mercy, which I have not found from Men now in Power; I have endeavour'd to make my Peace with his Divine Majesty, by most humbly begging Pardon for all the Sins of my Life: And I doubt not Forgiveness, thro' the Merits of the Passion and Death of my Saviour Jesus Christ; for which End I earnestly desire the Prayers of all Good Christians.

After this I am to ask Pardon of those whom I might have scandaliz'd by pleading Guilty at my Tryal. Such as were permitted to come to me, told me, That having been undeniably in Arms, Pleading Guilty was but the Consequence of having submitted to Mercy; and many Arguments were used to prove there was nothing of Moment in so doing; amongst others, the Universal Practice of signing Leases, whereof the Preamble run in the Name of the Person in Possession.

But I am sensible, That in this I have made bold with my Loyalty, having never any other but King JAMES the Third for my Rightful and Lawful Sovereign; Him I had an Inclination to serve from my Infancy, and was moved thereto by a Natural Love I had to his Person, knowing him to be capable of making his People Happy: And tho' he had been of a different Religion from mine, I should have done for him all that lay in my Power as my Ancestors have done for his Predecessors, being thereto bound by the Laws of God and Man.

Wherefore, if in this Affair I have acted rashly, it ought not to affect the Innocent: I intended no Wrong to any Body, but to serve my KING and Country, and that without Self-Interest; hoping, by the Example I gave, to have induc'd others to their Duty; and God, who sees the Secrets of my Heart, knows I speak Truth. Some Means have been propos'd to me for saving my Life, which I look'd upon as inconsistent with Honour and Conscience, and therefore I rejected them; for, with God's Assistance, I shall prefer any Death to the doing a base unworthy Action. I only wish now, That the Laying down my Life might contribute to the Service of my KING and Country, and the

Re-Establishment of the Antient and Fundamental Constitution of these Kingdoms, without which no lasting Peace or true Happiness can attend them: Then I should indeed part with Life, even with Pleasure; as it is, I can only pray, That these Blessings may be bestow'd upon my dear Country; and since I can do no more, I beseech God to accept of my Life as a small Sacrifice towards it,

I Die a *Roman Catholick*; I am in perfect Charity with all the World, I thank God for it, even with those of the present Government, who are most instrumental in my Death. I freely forgive such as ungenerously reported false Things of me; and I hope to be forgiven the Trespasses of my Youth, by the Father of infinite Mercy, into whose Hand I commit my Soul.

P. S. If that Prince, who now Governs, had given me my Life, I should have thought my self obliged never more to have taken up Arms against him.

February 24. 1715-16.

*Derwentwater.*

A True Copy of the PAPER left by the Lord Viscount KENMURE, who was Beheaded on Tower-Hill, February 24th 1715-16.

**I**T having pleas'd Almighty God to call me now to suffer a Violent Death, I adore the Divine Majesty, and cheartully resign my Soul and Body into his Hands, whose Mercy is over all his Works.

It is my very great Comfort, that he has enabled me to hope, thro' the Merits, and by the Blood of *Jesus Christ*, he will so purify me here, that I perish not eternally.

I Die a *Protestant* of the Church of *England*; and do from my Heart forgive all my Enemies.

I thank God I cannot accuse my self of the Sin of *Rebellion*, however some People, by a mistaken Notion, may think me Guilty of it; for all I did upon a late Occasion, and my only Design ever was, to contribute my small Endeavours, towards the Re-Establishing my Rightful *Sovereign*, and the Constitution of my Country, in their *Divine Rights* and *Legal Settlement*; and by pleading Guilty, I meant no more than an Acknowledgment of my having been in Arms; and not being bred to the Law, had no Notion of my thereby giving any Assent to any other Thing contain'd in that Charge.

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I take God to Witness, before whom I am very soon to appear, That I never had any Design to favour, or to introduce *Popery*; and I have been all along fully satisfy'd, That the KING has given all the Moral Security for the Church of *England*, that is possible for him in his present Circumstances.

I own I submitted my self very early to the Duke of *Brunswick*, justly expecting that *Humanity* would have induc'd him to give me my Life, which if he had done, I was resolv'd for the future to have liv'd peaceably, and to have still retain'd a Grateful Remembrance of so great a Favour; and I am satisfy'd the KING would never have desir'd me to have been active for him after. But the Case is otherwise. I pray God forgive those, who thirst after *Blood*. Had we been all put to the Sword immediatly upon our Surrender, That might have borne the Construction of being done in the Heat and Fury of Passion: But now I am to Die in Cold Blood, I pray God it be not imputed to them.

May Almighty God restore *Injur'd Right*, and *Peace*, and *Truth*; and may he in Mercy receive my Soul.

February 24. 1715-16.

*Kenmore.*

A True Copy of the PAPER deliver'd to the Sheriffs of *London*, by Col. Henry OXBURGH, who suffer'd Death at *Tyburn*, May 14th 1716.

CUSTOM has made it almost necessary for Persons in my Circumstances to say or leave somewhat by their last Words, declaring their Sentiments with relation to what they die for: In compliance with which, I have thought fit to make the following Declaration. In the first Place I die a Member of the Holy *Roman* Catholick Church, tho' a very unworthy one; And I desire the Members of that Communion to assist my Soul with their charitable Prayers. I declare my self in Charity with all the World, and do from my Soul forgive all my Enemies, and all others who have any ways injur'd or done me Wrong; and particularly, I forgive all those, who have promoted my Death by Malicious Misrepresentations, or otherways, and earnestly beg God to forgive them, and grant them the same Blessings I desire for my own Soul. I likewise ask Pardon of all such as I have offended.

It has been said, That the Catholicks, who were taken at *Preston*, engag'd in that Affair in View only of setting a Catholick KING on the Throne, and Re-Establishing the Catholick

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Religion in *England*: But that is not the only Calumny charged on them. I declare for my own Particular, That if King JAMES the Third had been a *Protestant*, I should think my self Oblig'd to pay him the same Service, as if a Catholick; nor do I know any Catholick that is not of the same Principle: For I never could find, That either by the Laws of God, or the Antient Constitution of the Nation, Difference of Religion in the *Prince*, made any Change in the Allegiance of the *Subject*.

I might have hop'd, from the great Character Mr. *Wills* gave me at *Preston*, (when I treated with him for a Surrender) of the Clemency of the Prince now on the Throne, (to which he said we could not better entitle our selves, than by an early Submission) that such as surrender'd themselves Prisoners at Discretion, on that Prospect, would have met with more Lenity than I have experienc'd; and I believe *England* is the only Country in *Europe*, where Prisoners at Discretion are not understood to have their Lives sav'd.

I pray God of his infinite Goodness restore the Nation to its former Happiness, by extinguishing all unhappy Divisions; That all Animosities and Feuds may be buried, and no other Emulation remain among the Subjects of *Great Britain*, but who shall be most zealous in advancing the True Glory of God, and the True Interest of the Nation.

May 14. 1716.

Henry Oxburgh.

A True Copy of the PAPER deliver'd to the *Sheriffs of London*, by Richard GASCOIGNE, Esq; who suffer'd Death at *Tyburn*, May 25th 1716.

**I** TAKE it to be my Duty to leave this Paper behind me, to refute these false Accusations and Calumnies, that have been designedly spread by People, who I am afraid, took Pains to procure unhappy Wretches to confirm them.

In the first Place, I declare I die an unworthy Member of the Holy Catholick Apostolick *Roman Church*, and do acknowledge my self to be the greatest of Sinners: But, Blessed be God, I have a firm Confidence in the Sufferings of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by whose Merits I hope I shall be sav'd.

I, from the Bottom of my Heart, forgive all those, that were my Enemies and Persecutors, and hope Almighty God, in his great Goodness, (and I beseech him to do it as heartily as I beg Pardon for my own Sins) will pardon them, and give them Grace to repent. And

And I earnestly beg Pardon of all those, whom I have any ways offended or injur'd, and lament, that it is not in my Power to make them Reparation ; but as they expect to be forgiven, I hope they will do so to me. I also beg Pardon of all those, whom I have disedified by my Life or Conversation.

That I have had an uncommon Ardour or Zeal in my Duty and Loyalty for my most injur'd and Royal Sovereign King JAMES the Third, I own at my Death, as I did to every one that knew me, whilst I liv'd ; and I affirm, That it was not only on the Account of his being a Roman Catholick, or any worldly Views, but from a true Sense of my Duty, as I took my self bound by the Laws of God and my Country, and as his succeeding to the Throne of his Ancestors would only make these Three Kingdoms happy, and from impartial Accounts of his Royal Person and Qualities, which make him one of the most meriting Princes in the World.

My Loyalty descended to me from my Ancestors, my Father and Grandfather having had the Honour to be sacrific'd in doing their Duty to their Kings, *Charles I.* and *James II.*

I think it incumbent on me to do Justice to a Gentleman, whose Name I am sorry to hear mention'd at my Tryal, which surely was irregular and unprecedented, to give Evidence of any Treason that had no Relation to what I was indicted of. I declare in the Presence of God, I never saw him but twice, and at those Times, I think, there was not a Word talk'd of Principle or Party ; and I declare, in the same solemn Manner, I never knew any of his Measures or Designs, or ever had any Intimacy of that Kind with him ; and declare, That what was sworn at the Council, and at my Tryal, was false in Relation to him.

And I know a Great Man should say, I was intimate with a Lord in the Tower. I declare I never spoke to him, nor saw his Hand-Writing, nor to my Knowledge, was I ever under the same Roof with him.

Nor was I ever Agent, or employ'd by any Person, in my Life, (as was suggested at my Tryal) in any Politick Design ; nor did I ever carry a Letter, or was intrusted by one Great Man to another, nor did I ever know of any Concerted Measure to Restore my Royal Master in my Life, more than what was talk'd in publick, and in the Papers ; nor, as I expect Mercy, did I directly nor indirectly know any Thing of the Arms, that were seiz'd at *Bath*, directed to *R. G.* as was said at my Tryal.

And as to Mr. *Calderwood's* Evidence against me, of my being in the Market-Place on *Saturday* in the Afternoon, and that he saw me there ; to my Knowledge, I had not been there until

until Seven a Clock at Night, when he could not see me; and if he did, not with my Sword drawn, his Evidence was intirely false: And he sent me Word Two Days before my Tryal; *That he could not swear any Thing against me whatever.* And he said I was in the Council of War: I never (so far from being in it) knew the House it was held in.

The Evidence of the Footman *Wavely* was as false, he swearing me drinking of *Brandy* with *Excise-men* Six Times a Saturday, in the same Market-Place.

These are the Two Men, that swore me out of my Life; I forgive them with all my Heart, and recommend to them to repent.

And as I have upon the Word of a dying Man declar'd all these Truths, in order to caution People not to believe Reports, and to do all the Justice I was capable of doing; so now let me recommend to all People to think of their Duties to God and their Country and to heal all Divisions; and exhort them to think of the Means of uniting and reconciling all their Interests, and unite in the only Measure that can render them Happy; which that they may do, I beg of God Almighty to direct 'em, and that they may compass it.

I bless my God, who has given me Grace to submit patiently to all the Injuries, that have been done me, as also for enabling me to resist the many Temptations I have had frequently, in Relation to a Gentleman, upon whose Account, I presume they have taken away my Life, because I would not concur to take his: But God forgive them, I do heartily.

And I humbly beg the Prayers of all Good Christians.

May 25. 1716.

*Richard Gascoigne.*

A True Copy of the PAPER deliver'd to the Sheriffs of London, by the Revd Mr. William PAUL, who suffer'd Death at Tyburn, July 13th 1716.

*Good People,*

I am going to make my Appearance in the other World, where I must give an Account of the Actions of my past Life, and tho' I have endeavour'd to make my Peace with God, by sincerely repenting of all my Sins; yet forasmuch as several of them are of a Publick Nature, I take it to be my Duty to declare here in the Face of the World, my hearty Abhorrence and Detestation of them.

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And first I ask Pardon of God and the KING, for having violated my Loyalty, by taking most abominable Oaths in Defence of Usurpation, against my Lawful Sovereign King JAMES the Third.

And as I ask Pardon of all Persons whom I have injur'd or offended, so I do especially desire Forgiveness of all those whom I have scandaliz'd by pleading Guilty. I am sensible, That it is a base and dishonorable Action; That it is inconsistent with my Duty to the KING, and an intire Surrender of my Loyalty. Human Frailty, and too great a Desire of Life, together with the Persuasions of several who pretended to be my Friends, were the Occasion of it. I trust God of his Mercy upon my sincere Repentance, has forgiven me, and I hope all Good Christians will.

You see, my Countrymen, by my Habit, that I die a Son, tho' a very unworthy one, of the Church of *England*. But I would not have you think, That I am a Member of the Schismatical Church, whose Bishops set themselves up in Opposition to those Orthodox Fathers, who were unlawfully and invalidly Depriv'd by the Prince of *Orange*. I declare that I renounce that Communion, and that I die a dutiful and faithful Member of the *Nonjuring* Church, which has kept itself free from Rebellion and Schism, and has preserv'd and maintain'd true Orthodox Principles, both as to Church and State. And I desire the Clergy, and all Members of the Revolution Church, to consider what Bottom they stand upon, when their Succession is grounded upon an unlawful and invalid Deprivation of Catholick Bishops; the only Foundation of which Deprivation, is a Pretended Act of Parliament.

Having ask'd Forgiveness for my self, I come now to forgive others. I pardon those, who, under the Notion of Friendship, persuaded me to plead Guilty. I heartily forgive all my most inveterate Enemies, especially the Elector of *Hanover*, my Lord *Townshend*, and all others who have been Instrumental in promoting my Death. Father, forgive them: Lord Jesus, have Mercy upon them, and lay not this Sin to their Charge.

The next Thing I have to do, Christian Friends, is to exhort you all to return to your Duty. Remember that King JAMES the Third is your Only Rightful Sovereign by the Laws of the Land, and the Constitution of the Kingdom; and therefore if you would perform the Duty of Justice to him, which is due to all Mankind, you are oblig'd in Conscience to do all you can to Restore Him to his Crown. For it is his Right, and no Man in the World, besides himself, can Lawfully claim a Title to it. And as it is your Duty to serve him, so  
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it is your Interest : For till he is Restor'd, the Nation can never be happy. You see what Miseries and Calamities have befallen these Kingdoms by the Revolution ; and I believe you are now convinc'd by woful Experience, That swerving from God's Laws, and thereby putting yourself out of his Protection, is not the Way to secure you from those Evils and Misfortunes, which you are afraid of in this World. Before the Revolution you thought your Religion, Liberties and Properties in Danger ; and I pray you to consider how you have preserv'd them by Rebellling : Are they not Ten Times more precarious than ever ? Who can say he's certain of his Life or Estate, when he considers the Proceedings of the present Administration ? And as for your Religion, is it not evident, That the Revolution, instead of keeping out *Papery*, has let in Atheism ? Do not Heresies abound every Day ? And are not the Teachers of False Doctrines patroniz'd by the Great Men in the Government ? This shews the Kindness and Affection they have for the Church. And to give you another Instance of their Respect and Reverence for it, you are now going to see a Priest of the Church of *England* Murder'd for doing his Duty. For it is not me they strike at so particularly, but it is thro' me that they would wound the Priesthood, bring a Disgrace upon the Gown, and a scandal upon my sacred Function. But they would do well to remember, That he who despises Christ's Priests, despises Christ ; and he who despises him, despises him that sent him.

And now Beloved, if you have any Regard to your Country, which lies bleeding under these dreadful Extremities, Bring the KING to his just and undoubted Right ; That is the only Way to be freed from these Misfortunes, and to secure those Rights and Priviledges, which are in Danger at present. King JAMES has promised to Protect and Defend the Church of *England* ; He has given his Royal Word to Consent to such Laws, which you yourselves shall think necessary to be made for its Preservation ; and his Majesty is a Prince of that Justice, Virtue and Honour, That you have no Manner of Reason to doubt the Performance of his Royal Promise. He studies nothing so much as to make you all Easy and Happy ; and when ever he comes to his Kingdom, I doubt not but you will be so.

I shall be heartily glad, Good People, if what I have said has any Effect upon you, so as to be Instrumental in making you perform your Duty : It is now out of my Power to do any Thing more to serve the KING, than by imploying some of the few Minutes I have to live in this World, in praying to Almighty God, to shower down his Blessings Spiritual and Temporal upon his Head, to Protect and Restore Him, to be

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Favourable to his Undertaking, to Prosper him here, and to Reward him hereafter. I beseech the same Infinite Goodness to Preserve and Defend the Church of *England*, and to Restore it to all its just Rights and Priviledges; And lastly I pray God to have Mercy upon me, Pardon my Sins, and Recieve my Soul into his Everlasting Kingdom, That with the Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, I may praise and magnify him for ever and ever. *Amen.*

As to my Body, Brethren, I have taken no Manner of Care of it; for I value not the Barbarous Part of the Sentence, of being Cut down and Quarter'd, when I am once gone, I shall be out of the Reach of my Enemies, and I wish I had Quarters enough to send to every Parish of the Kingdom, to testify that a Clergyman of the Church of *England* was Martyr'd for being Loyal to his KING.

*July 13. 1716.*

*Will. Paul;*

A True Copy of the PAPER deliver'd to the  
*Sheriffs* of *London*, by John HALL, Esq, who  
suffer'd Death at *Tyburn*, *July 13th. 1716.*

**F**RIENDS, Brethren, and Countrymen, I am come here to die for the sake of God, my KING, and my Country; and I heartily rejoice that I am counted worthy of so great an Honour: For let not any of you think that I am come to a shameful and ignominious End, the Truth and Justice of the Cause for which I suffer, makes my Death a Duty, a Virtue, and an Honour. Remember that I lay down my Life for Asserting the Right of my Lawful Sovereign King JAMES the Third, That I offer my self as a Victim for the Liberties and Happiness of my dear Country, and my beloved Fellow Subjects; That I fall a Sacrifice to Tyranny, Oppression, and Uturpation: In short, consider that I suffer in Defence of the Commands of God, and the Laws and Hereditary Constitution of the Land, and then know, and be assur'd, That I am not a Traytor, but a Martyr.

I declare that I die a true and sincere Member of the Church of *England*, but not of the Revolution Schismatical Church, whose Bishops have so rebelliously abandon'd the KING, and so shamefully given up the Rights of the Church, by submitting to the Unlawful Invalid Deprivations of the Prince of *Orange*. The Communion I die in, is that of the true Catholick Non-juring Church of *England*, and I pray God to prosper  
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and increase it, and to grant, if it be his Good Pleasure, That it may Rise again, and Flourish.

I heartily beg Pardon of all whom I have in any Manner, and at any Time, Injur'd and Offended ; I do particularly implore Forgiveness of God and my KING, for having so far swerv'd from my Duty, as to comply with the Usurpation, in swearing Allegiance to it, and acting in Publick Posts by the Usurper's Commission, which were void of all Power and Authority. God knows my Heart, I did this at first thro' Ignorance and Error ; but after I had recollected my self, and inform'd my Judgment better, I repented, and drew my Sword for the KING ; and now submit my self to this violent Death for his sake. I heartily pray God, my Sufferings and my Penitence may atone for my former Crimes ; and thus I beg, thro' the Merits, Mediation, and Sufferings of my dearest Saviour Jesus Christ.

I do sincerely forgive all my Enemies, especially those who have either caus'd or increas'd the Distractions in Church and State ; I Pray God have Mercy upon them, and spare them, because they are the Work of his own Hands, and because they are redeem'd with his Son's most precious Blood. I do particularly forgive from the Bottom of my Heart the Elector of *Brunswick*, who Murthers me ; my unjust pretended Judges and Jury who convicted and condemn'd me ; Mr. *Patten* and Mr. *Carnaby*, Evidences who swore against me at my Tryal ; and I do here declare upon the Words of a dying Man, (and all my *Northumberland* Fellow Prisoners can testify the same) That the Evidence they gave was so far from being the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth, that in relation to my Indictment, they swore not one true Thing against me, but many absolute Falshoods. I pray God Forgive them, for I am sure I do.

Lastly, I forgive all who had any Hand in the Surrender at *Preston*, for they have surrender'd away my Life, and I wou'd to God, that were the only bad Consequence of it ; but alas, it is too plain, that the Surrenderers not only ruin'd many of his Majesty's brave and faithful Subjects, but gave up their KING and Country into the Bargain : For it was then in their Power to have Rester'd the KING with Triumph to his Throne, and thereby to have made us a Happy People. We had repuls'd our Enemies at every Attack, and were ready, willing, and able to have attack'd them on our Side ; even our common Men were Brave, Couragious, and Resolute ; on the other Hand, their's were directly the contrary, insomuch that after they had run away from our first Fire, they could never be brought so much as to endeavour to stand a second. This I think my self oblig'd

oblig'd in Justice to mention, That Mr. *Wills* may not impose upon the World, as if he and his Troops had conquer'd us, and gain'd the Victory: For the Truth is, after we had conquer'd them, our Superiours thought fit to Capitulate and Ruin us. I wish them God and the KING's Pardon for it.

May it please the Almighty to Bless, Preserve, and Restore our only Rightful and Lawful Sovereign King JAMES the 3d. may he direct his Councils, and prosper his Arms; may he bring him to his Kingdom, and set the Crown upon his Head; may he protect him from the Malice of his Enemies, and defend him from those, who, for a Reward, would slay him Innocent; may he grant him in Health and Wealth long to Live; may he strengthen him, that he may vanquish and overcome all his Enemies; and finally, when it pleases his Infinite Wisdom to take him out of this World, may he take him to himself, and Reward him with an Everlasting Crown of Glory in the next.

These, my Beloved Countrymen, are the sincere Prayers; These the last Words of me who am now a dying Person: And if you have any Regard to the last Breath of one who is just going out of the World, let me beg of you to be Dutiful, Obedient, and Loyal to your only Sovereign Liege Lord King JAMES the 3d; be ever ready to serve him, and be sure you never fail to use all your Endeavours to Restore him; and what ever the Consequence be, remember that you have a Good Cause and a Gracious God, and expect a Recompence from him.

To that God, the God of Truth and Holiness, the Rewarder of all who suffer for Righteousness sake, I commend my Soul, beseeching him to have Mercy upon it, for the sake of my dear Redeemer and Merciful Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

July 13. 1716.

John Hall.

P. S. I might have reasonably expected my Life would have been saved, since I had obtain'd Five Reprieves; but I find that the Duke of *Hanover*, and his Evil Counsellors who Guide him, have so little Virtue and Honour themselves, that they are Resolved not to spare my Life, because I would not purchase it upon Base and Dishonorable Terms. I have Reason to think, That at first I could have secur'd both Life and Fortune, if I would have pleaded Guilty; and I doubt not but I might have since obtain'd Favour, if I would have Petition'd in a Vile and Scandalous Manner; but I was resolv'd to do nothing whereby I should have disown'd my KING, and denied my Principles, and I thank my Good God, both for inspiring me with this Holy Resolution, and for giving me the Grace to perform it.

July 13. 1716.

John Hall.



A True Copy of the PAPER deliver'd by Capt.  
John BRUCE, who suffer'd Death at Lancaster,  
October 2d 1716.

*Brethren and Countrymen,*

I AM brought to this Place to discharge the last Debt I owe to Nature, and chearfully resign to the Blessed Will of Almighty God, whose Mercy I adore, in that he hath afforded me his Grace and Means sincerely to Repent me of my past Sins, and such Time to prepare for that Blessed and Glorious Change; which I hope to meet with in a few Moments.

I am not ashamed of the Cause for which I Die, but rejoice that I am worthy to be a Sacrifice in the Vindication of the undoubted Rights of my Lawful and Natural Liege Lord King JAMES the Third, and the expiring Liberty of my Dear Country; I always firmly believ'd the Hereditary Right of Succession to the Imperial Crowns of these Realms, to be a Fundamental and Unalterable Part of the Constitution, and could never think that any Difference in Religion, or any the pretended Laws, which yet never reciev'd the Royal Assent of any Lawful King, cou'd in any wise disingage me, or any Honest Man, from that Duty and Allegiance, which is due to our Lawful Sovereign King JAMES the Third, whose Title by Birthright is clear and unquestionable, and was therefore engag'd by the strongest Obligations of Duty, Honour, Religion, and Law, to join with his Loyal Subjects in the just Endeavours to Restore him to his Rights, and break thro' that Usurpation and Fence of Rebellion, which has so long kept him from them.

God in his infinite Mercy forgive these Kingdoms, incline the Hearts of the People to stand as one Man to bring in their Lawful KING, and free themselves from that merciless Tyranny, which they now groan under. I am grown in Years, and not much short of what the Royal Psalmist calls the Age of Man, and have known many Struggles in order to preserve the Constitution and sinking Liberties of the People, and several Turns and Changes that have ensued; in all which, prais'd be God, I preserv'd my Integrity, by a strict Adherence to the Interest of my KING and Country, and opposing, as far as in me lay, the Innovations that were daily introduc'd to the Injury of the One, and the Inslavery of the Other.

As one Wickedness is the Parent of another; so the Revolution begot the Union, and from these Sources flow the Waters of



of Bitterness, which the Good People of these Nations so plentifully drink of at this Time. May God, in his infinite Mercy, work their speedy Deliverance, and restore them to their Antient Happy Constitution and Government.

As for my Religion, I was bred up a Protestant, according to the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of *England*, wherein I have ever liv'd, and in which (by God's Grace and Mercy) I shall die ; It taught me to give both God and the KING their due, to deal justly with all Men, forgive my Enemies, and expect Salvation thro' Jesus Christ. Her Doctrines and Government I embrace, and pray God to restore her to her former Purity, Peace, and Prosperity. I beseech all whom I have any ways offended, to forgive me, as from the Bottom of my Heart I do all who have in any ways injur'd me, and particularly those concern'd in my Prosecution, or in any ways instrumental in promoting my Death : I forgive that greatest of Injuries, in surprizing me into a Confession of their Indictment, by bringing me to a Tryal Two Days before the Time mention'd in their Notice, and without ever giving me any Copy of the Jury ; being a *Scotsman*, and a Stranger to the Laws of *England*, I was the more liable to be impos'd on ; God of his infinite Mercy forgive them, as I freely do.

I think it incumbent on me, to take this last Opportunity of vindicating my Honour from that Report, which traduc'd me as Unfaithful to his Grace the late Duke of *Hamilton*, whilst I had the Honour, which was about Twenty Four Years, to be with him as a Companion and Humble Servant ; and hereby declare, upon the Words of a dying Man, and as I shall answer it before Almighty God, That what has been said to asperse me on that Account, was utterly false, or any Displeasure his Grace conceiv'd against me concerning it, intirely groundless ; I always lov'd him, and dealt faithfully by that Noble Duke, as God, the Righteous Judge, will witness for me.

Thus I have discharg'd my Conscience ; and now, Blessed be Almighty God, That he hath brought me to this Happy Period of my Pilgrimage. I have finish'd a long Course, and adher'd, without wavering, to my KING, the Lord's Ancient's Cause, for, and in which I die, and hope this Day to be with my Saviour, translated to rejoice with other Loyal Sufferers, and all the Saints and Angels for evermore.

October 2. 1716.

John Bruce.

A True Copy of the PAPER left by John KNOX,  
who was shot to Death at Perth, August 24th  
1716.

*My Friends and Countrymen,*

**B**Eing in a few Minutes to appear before God's Tribunal, to give an Account of the Deeds done in the Body, and apprehending that those who are to oversee the Execution of the Sentence against me, will not allow me to speak my Mind freely, I leave this Paper to be publish'd after my Death; and in case it be kept up or destroy'd, I have left another Copy with a Gentlewoman in Town, who, I am confident, will publish it, since it is the Desire of a dying Man.

With Shame and Sorrow I acknowledge, that I am a very great Sinner, and that I have offended God in Thought, Word, and Deed; yet I trust there is Mercy for me, as for all other Penitents, thro' the Merits and Mediation of my Blessed Saviour. I heartily forgive all my Enemies, as I desire Forgiveness at the Hand of God. Tho' the Lord's Prayer is by many much neglected, and the Use of it, in a great Measure, abolish'd, I cannot but highly esteem it: As to that part of it, which concerns the Pardoning of Injuries done to me, I will say it with my last Breath, and I thank God that I can, with all the Sincerity in the World, say, That from the Bottom of my Heart I freely forgive all Men, as I desire to be forgiven of God.

I bless God I suffer for well doing, for Asserting the Right of my only Rightful Sovereign King JAMES the Eighth, and endeavouring to relieve my miserable oppressed Native Country. My Prosecutors tell me, it is for my Desertion of the Camp at *Sterling*, and they alledge, tho' they have not made it appear, that I join'd the KING's Army, whom they call Rebels; and that I was with the Duke of *Mar* in *Perth* all Winter. My wretched Prison-keeper, who is turn'd so violent on the *Usurping-lay*, says, he has it from those he calls honest Men: But from him, and such as he is, Good Lord deliver all Good Christians.

Now, to satisfy my Prosecutors and others, I acknowledge I serv'd under the Duke of *Brunswick* for some Time, but with the greatest Reluctancy; and, when Conscience could no longer endure the Violence done to it, I join'd the KING's Army that went to *Perth*, where the KING's Interest was ruin'd, and many a brave Man was betray'd out of his Life and

and Fortune; For I think my self bound to tell them, That I reckon there was Treachery as well as Cowardice, in some that had the chief Command there. I heartily wish all of them may repent and amend. It has been said, that some of those who carry'd on the Union, got the Repentance of *Judas*; but I heartily pray, that all who are hir'd to support the Duke of *Brunswick* on the Throne, denying and rejecting their True Master and Sovereign, may get *Peter's* Repentance, who deny'd his. For I am fully persuaded, That 'till our Natural and Rightful Sovereign is in the settled and peaceable Possession of his just Right, and the Principles of *Whiggery*, which destroy all Order of Government, are extirpated, Peace will never flourish in *Britain*, which I pray, God may forward.

I'm the second Sacrifice in this Place for King *JAMES* the Eighth, I pray God I may be the last: and that, of his infinite Mercy, he may put a Stop to the Bloodshed and Murder of the Times.

Since it is God's Will, that I am depriv'd of my Life, I hope to glorify God by my Death, which I shall suffer cheerfully, since roved away in the 23d Year of my Age, for my KING and Country.

I pray God may preserve the KING, and that he may always bless him, and all the Endeavours and Enterprises for his Restoration: That God may increase the Number of his True Subjects, and convert all the Enemies of our KING and Country. Being now to recommend my self to God by Prayer, I bid you all Adieu.

August 24. 1716.

*John Knox.*

A True Copy of a LETTER sent to the Earl of DERWENWATER, a little before he suffer'd, by a Person of the same Persuasion with his Lordship.

*My Lord,*

I should most willingly have attended your Lordship in Person, but since that has not been thought convenient, I send this to assure your Lordship, That from the first Moment of your Imprisonment, I have had you constantly in my Thoughts, and have dayly offer'd up the Holy Sacrifice for you.

I Question not, my Lord, but as you have (at least since your Tryal) had Death constantly before your Eyes; so you have taken the best Methods to prepare for it: Our Blessed Sa-

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viour, as he taught us to live, so has he instructed us how to die ; from his Example therefore you must learn how to make your Death an acceptable Service to God, and the Means of your Eternal Happiness ; his own Life, indeed, was a Preparation for Death, and yet, when he drew near to it, his Behaviour was very extraordinary, and all the Circumstances of it, seem much for our Instruction : The *Evangelists* tell us, That the Evening before his Passion, he retir'd into a solitary Garden ; That he was oppress'd with *Grief*, *Fear*, and all the *Anguish*es of an afflited Mind ; being under this Terrible Agony, he fell prostrate on the Ground, address'd himself to his Divine Father, by a long and most fervent Prayer ; and then, notwithstanding the Repugnance of a sensible Nature, he most perfectly submitted to his Will.

Now, my Lord, our Saviour took upon himself these Infirmities of Humane Nature (*Grief*, *Fear*, *Anguish*, and the like) and made them known to us, That he might comfort and support our Weakness under the like Tryals.

His *Fear* merited all that Courage, which appear'd in the *Martyrs*, and will obtain for you that Firmness and Fortitude of Mind, which will accompany you to the Scaffold ; his *Sadness* will raise a Holy Grief and Sorrow in you for your Sins ; and, at the same Time, settle a most solid Joy in your Heart : In fine, all the Circumstances of his most Bitter Agony, will sweeten all that is most Terrible in Death.

Go therefore, my Lord, Go to your Saviour in his Dolorous Garden, kneel down by him, join in Prayer with him, and shutting your Heart up in his, pronounce with him these Great Words, *Father, thy Will be done.*

'Great God, most wise and most merciful Father, thou hast appointed this Death for me, I adore the Ordination of thy Providence, and most humbly submit to it ; *Fiat, Fiat, Thy Will be done.*

Having thus accompany'd your Saviour in the Garden, you must also, in the like Manner, attend him thro all the various Circumstances of his *Passion*, and every where join with him in offering up to God all his Sufferings, in satisfaction for all your Sins.

His *Prodigious Humiliations*, for all Pride, Vanity, Desires of Esteem &c. his *Patience* and *Silence* under the most outrageous Provocations, for all Anger, Impatience, Cursets, or idle Talk : the *Columnies* and *False Accusations* rais'd against him, for all Detractions and uncharitable Discourses against your Neighbour ; the Cruel *Scourges* he suffer'd, for all Impurities you ever have been guilty of ; the *Purple Garments*, the *Fool's Coat* he was cloth'd with, all the *Mockeries* and *Derisions*, which



which were cast upon him, you must offer up for all Vanity in Cloaths, Dressing, Equipage, &c. the *Vinegar and Gall* he was drench'd with, for all Excess in Eating and Drinking; the scornful *Mock-Worship*, with which he was saluted King of the *Jews*, for all Irreverences in the Church, and wilful Distractions in Time of Prayer: In Fine, all the Racking Tormenting *Pains* he suffer'd on the *Cross*, for all unlawful Pleasures of what Kind soever.

Having thus gather'd together all the Sins of your whole Life, lay them down at the Foot of the *Cross*, That the Blood, which streams from the Wounds of your Dying Saviour, may wash and purify your Soul from all those Stains and Defilements. Beg of him, That he will Nail to his *Cross* that Black and Frightful Scroll of your Sins, there to be cancell'd by his all-saving Blood.

Behold him amidst all the Torments and Anguishes of a most Cruel Death, looking down upon you with Eyes of Love, with a Heart full of Compassion and Tenderness. Look you also up to him, with an humble Confidence in his Mercy, with a Heart full of Love, Grief, and Gratitude. He dies for you, die you for him, with, and in him; Unite your Heart with his, That thus sanctify'd, it may be an acceptable Sacrifice to the Eternal Father; That your Death, thus render'd precious in the Sight of Heaven, may be the Source of an Eternal Life.

Remember well his last Words, and let his Prayer be always yours, *Father, into thy Hands I commend my Spirit. O Jesus, my God! my Saviour! my Life! my only Hope! and all my Comfort! Into thy Merciful Hands I Commend my Spirit, Sweet Jesus, Recieve my Soul.*

Our Blessed Lady stood by her dying Son, with a Heart pierc'd with Grief and Anguish; she will stand by you, with a Heart full of Motherly Love and Tenderness; she will help to make your Prayers acceptable to her Divine Son,

With great Confidence Address to her in the Spirit of the Church, *Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for me.* In fine, my Lord, with your last Breath, pronounce the most Sacred, most Saving, most Comfortable Name of *Jesus, Jesus.*

My Lord, These are the Poor Thoughts of one, that truly loves you; who is continually with you in his Prayers; and who hopes to join with you, for all Eternity, in a Canticle of Praise to the Infinite Mercies of our Great God,

*Misericordias Domini in Æternum Cantabo.*

Monday Feb. 20th 1715-16.

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A True Copy of a LETTER written by Richard GASCOIGNE, *Esq*; and sent, the Night before he suffer'd, to a Person of Eminence, of the same Religion with himself.

Dear Sir,

I Cannot leave the World without some Tokens of Gratitude for the many and undeserv'd Favours which I have reciev'd from you: Therefore I send this by the Hands of this Reverend Father, with my Prayers to the Divine Being, That he will shower down such Blessings upon you, in his good Time, as may return the many good Offices you have done me, seven-fold.

What you have done for the Support of my Body, under a crazy State, and the Wants that are generally attendant upon Prisoners, divested of all Necessaries of Life, requires more Acknowledgments than I am capable of paying: But the Care you have taken in making Provision for my poor and immortal Soul, by sending this Holy Man to assist me with his Prayers and Advice, is beyond Expression.

'Tis to this Act of Compassion, that I owe the Recovery of myself from a State of Perdition, than which nothing could have been more ruinous or miserable. To this, That I am rescu'd out of the Jaws of Eternal Death; and can say, with the Blessed Apostle, *O Death! where is thy Sting? O Grave! where is thy Victory?* Nor can I leave the World without due Acts of Acknowledgment for *endearing*, so invaluable a Favour.

Be pleas'd then to accept this last Testimony of Gratitude, which it is not in Words to express, and to believe that I am ready to pass through the Vale of Death with all Chearfulness, being well assur'd of Eternal Bliss and Salvation through the Merits of Jesus Christ our common Saviour, and the Intercession of the Blessed Virgin, and of all the Saints and Angels, with him that sitteth on the Throne, and will at the last Day judge the World in Righteousness.

I have nothing more to add than to desire yours and all good Catholicks Prayers, and to take Care of the Paper inclos'd in this, A Copy of which I intend, God willing, to give to the Sheriff at the Place of Execution, may be made publick, as I have written it, and ask leave to subscribe,

Dear Sir,  
Your dying Friend,  
And most humble Servant,  
R. GASCOIGNE.